

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Equipment for a~~ A digital video disc device, comprising:
a memory in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded
in advance; and
means for processing the information on said digital video disc using said key data read from
said memory; wherein
random data is written around said key data in said memory, and
the key data can be modified by a key data writing equipment.
2. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein
said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the
information on said digital video disc.
3. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein
said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from
said digital video disc.
4. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein
said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from
said digital video disc.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising the steps of:
- writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and
 - writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said prescribed information written in said step of writing, wherein the writing can be performed by a key data writing equipment.
6. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.
7. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein said prescribed information is a password.
8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a memory, comprising:
- means for writing said prescribed information in an unused area of said memory; and
 - means for writing random data in an area within said unused area adjacent to said prescribed information written in said step of writing, wherein the writing can be performed by a key data writing equipment.